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## **Life Sciences Center Gets Governor's Okay Supplemental Budget Bill signed by Governor**

LANSING – Governor Granholm signed supplemental budget bill 540, containing the funding for the Western Michigan University Life Sciences Research Center, on Thursday, August 14. While a ceremonial check was presented to the University by the Governor on August 5, the \$10 million dollars allotted to fund the center is now officially available.

“It’s gratifying to see this come full circle,” said Sen. Tom George, R-Texas Township. “What started as a proposal in the Senate several months ago has now reached completion.”

SB 540 allocates \$10 million to fund the Center through the state’s MEDC budget. It further specifies that the Center shall be located in Kalamazoo County. The bill had unanimous support in the House and passed the Senate with a vote of 29 – 1.